

ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Proclamation

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INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY

WHEREAS, Arlington County does affirm and acknowledge the harm and hardship caused by drug overdose; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the purpose of International Overdose Awareness Day as an occasion to remember our loved ones lost to overdose, and to end the stigma of drug-related deaths; and

WHEREAS, we resolve to play our part in reducing the toll of overdoses in our community, which last year alone claimed the lives of 103,000 overdose deaths in the US, 2,600 in our Commonwealth, and 28 in Arlington County, with countless more affected forever; and

WHEREAS, we affirm that the people affected by overdose are our sons and daughters, our mothers and fathers, our brothers and sisters, and deserving of our love, compassion and support;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Katie Cristol, Chair of the County Board of Arlington, Virginia, do hereby proclaim August 31st, 2022, as

INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY

encourage our residents to acknowledge and remember those we have lost, and to support those that are in recovery and those that are struggling with addiction.



Katie Cristol
Chair